

TRAINING OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS

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Mr. STAGGERS, from the committee of conference
submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany S. 3418]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 3418) to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the making of grants to medical schools and hospitals to assist them in establishing special departments and programs in the field of family practice, and otherwise to encourage and promote the training of medical and paramedical personnel in the field of family medicine, and to alleviate the effects of malnutrition, and to provide for the establishment of a National Information and Resource Center for the Handicapped, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House to the text of the bill and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the House amendment insert the following:

TITLE I—FAMILY MEDICINE

SEC. 101. Part D of title VII of the Public Health Service Act is amended to read as follows:

"PART D—GRANTS TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL TRAINING IN THE FIELD OF FAMILY MEDICINE

"DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

"SEC. 761. It is the purpose of this part to provide for the making of grants to assist—

"(1) public and private nonprofit medical schools—

"(A) to operate, as an integral part of their medical education program, separate and distinct departments devoted to providing teaching and instruction (including continuing education) in all phases of family practice;

"(B) to construct such facilities as may be appropriate to carry out a program of training in the field of family medicine whether as a part of a medical school or as separate outpatient or similar facility;

"(C) to operate, or participate in, special training programs for paramedical personnel in the field of family medicine; and

"(D) to operate, or participate in, special training programs to teach and train medical personnel to head departments of family practice or otherwise teach family practice in medical schools; and

"(2) public and private nonprofit hospitals which provide training programs for medical students, interns, or residents—

"(A) to operate, as an integral part of their medical training programs, special professional training programs (including continuing education) in the field of family medicine for medical students, interns, residents, or practicing physicians;

"(B) to construct such facilities as may be appropriate to carry out a program of training in the field of family medicine whether as a part of a hospital or as a separate outpatient or similar facility;

"(C) to provide financial assistance (in the form of scholarships, fellowships, or stipends) to interns, residents, or other medical personnel who are in need thereof, who are participants in a program of such hospital which provides special training (accredited by a recognized body or bodies approved for such purpose by the Commissioner of Education) in the field of family medicine, and who plan to specialize or work in the practice of family medicine; and

"(D) to operate, or participate in, special training programs for paramedical personnel in the field of family medicine.

"AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

"SEC. 762. (a) For the purpose of making grants to carry out the purposes of this part, there are authorized to be appropriated \$50,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1971, \$75,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1972, and \$100,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973.

"(b) Sums appropriated pursuant to subsection (a) for any fiscal year shall remain available for the purpose for which appropriated until the close of the fiscal year which immediately follows such year.

"GRANTS BY SECRETARY

"SEC. 763. (a) From the sums appropriated pursuant to section 762, the Secretary is authorized to make grants, in accordance with the provisions of this part, to carry out the purposes of section 761.

"(b) No grant shall be made under this part unless an application therefor has been submitted to, and approved by, the Secretary. Such application shall be in such form, submitted in such manner, and contain such information, as the Secretary shall have prescribed by regulations which have been promulgated by him and published in the Federal Register not later than six months after the date of enactment of this part.

"(c) Grants under this part shall be in such amounts and subject to such limitations and conditions as the Secretary may determine to be proper to carry out the purposes of this part.

"(d) In the case of any application for a grant any part of which is to be used for major construction or remodeling of any facility, the Secretary shall not approve the part of the grant which is to be so used unless the recipient of such grant enters into appropriate arrangements with the Secretary which will equitably protect the financial interests of the United States in the event such facility ceases to be used for the purpose for which such grant or part thereof was made prior to the expiration of the twenty-year period which commences on the date such construction or remodeling is completed.

"(e) Grants made under this part shall be used only for the purpose for which made and may be paid in advance or by way of reimbursement, and in such installments, as the Secretary may determine.

"ELIGIBILITY FOR GRANTS

"SEC. 764. (a) In order for any medical school to be eligible for a grant under this part, such school—

"(1) must be a public or other nonprofit school of medicine; and

"(2) must be accredited as a school of medicine by a recognized body or bodies approved for such purpose by the Commissioner of Education, except that the requirements of this clause shall be deemed to be satisfied, if (A) in the case of a school of medicine which by reason of no, or an insufficient, period of operation is not, at the time of application for a grant under this part, eligible for such accreditation, the Commissioner finds, after consultation with the appropriate accreditation body or bodies, that there is reasonable assurance that the school will meet the accreditation standards of such body or bodies prior to the beginning of the academic year following the normal graduation date of students who are in their first year of instruction at such school during the fiscal year in which the Secretary makes a final determination as to approval of the application.

"(b) In order for any hospital to be eligible for a grant under this part, such hospital—

"(1) must be a public or private nonprofit hospital; and

"(2) must conduct or be prepared to conduct in connection with its other activities (whether or not as an affiliate of a school of medicine) one or more programs of medical training for medical students, interns, or residents, which is accredited by a recognized body or bodies, approved for such purpose by the Commissioner of Education.

"APPROVAL OF GRANTS

"SEC. 765. (a) The Secretary, upon the recommendation of the Advisory Council on Family Medicine, is authorized to make grants under this part upon the determination that—

"(1) the applicant meets the eligibility requirements set forth in section 764;

"(2) the applicant has complied with the requirements of section 763;

"(3) the grant is to be used for one or more of the purposes set forth in section 761;

"(4) it contains such information as the Secretary may require to make the determinations required of him under this section and such assurances as he may find necessary to carry out the purposes of this part;

"(5) it provides for such fiscal control and accounting procedures and reports, and access to the records of the applicant, as the Secretary may require (pursuant to regulations which shall have been promulgated by him and published in the Federal Register) to assure proper disbursement of and accounting for all Federal funds paid to the applicant under this part; and

"(6) the application contains or is supported by adequate assurance that any laborer or mechanic employed by any contractor or subcontractor in the performance of work on the construction of the facility will be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on similar construction in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 276a-276a5). The Secretary of Labor shall have, with respect to the labor standards specified in this paragraph, the authority and functions set forth in Reorganization Plan Numbered 14 of 1950 (15 F.R. 3176; 65 Stat. 1267), and section 2 of the Act of June 13, 1934, as amended (40 U.S.C. 276c).

"(b) The Secretary shall not approve any grant to—

"(1) a school of medicine to establish or operate a separate department devoted to the teaching of family medicine unless the Secretary is satisfied that—

"(A) such department is (or will be, when established) of equal standing with the other departments within such school which are devoted to the teaching of other medical specialty disciplines; and

"(B) such department will, in terms of the subjects offered and the type and quality of instruction provided, be designed to prepare students thereof to meet the standards established for specialists in the specialty of family practice by a recognized body approved by the Commissioner of Education; or

"(2) a hospital to establish or operate a special program for medical students, interns, or residents in the field of family medicine unless the Secretary is satisfied that such program will, in terms of the type of training provided, be designed to prepare participants therein to meet the standards established for specialists in the field of family medicine by a recognized body approved by the Commissioner of Education.

"(c) The Secretary shall not approve any grant under this part unless the applicant therefor provides assurances satisfactory to the Secretary that funds made available through such grant will be so used as to supplement and, to the extent practical, increase the level of non-Federal funds which would, in the absence of such grant, be made available for the purpose for which such grant is requested.

"PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENTAL GRANTS

"SEC. 766. (a) For the purpose of assisting medical schools and hospitals (referred to in section 761) to plan or develop programs or projects for the purpose of carrying out one or more of the purposes set forth

in such section, the Secretary is authorized for any fiscal year (prior to the fiscal year which ends June 30, 1973) to make planning and developmental grants in such amounts and subject to such conditions as the Secretary may determine to be proper to carry out the purposes of this section.

"(b) From the amounts appropriated in any fiscal year (prior to the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973) pursuant to section 762(a), the Secretary may utilize such amounts as he deems necessary (but not in excess of \$8,000,000 for any fiscal year) to make the planning and developmental grants authorized by subsection (a).

"ADVISORY COUNCIL ON FAMILY MEDICINE

"SEC. 767. (a) The Secretary shall appoint an Advisory Council on Family Medicine (hereinafter in this section referred to as the 'Council'). The Council shall consist of twelve members, four of whom shall be physicians engaged in the practice of family medicine, four of whom shall be physicians engaged in the teaching of family medicine, three of whom shall be representatives of the general public, and one of whom shall, at the time of his appointment, be an intern in family medicine. Members of the Council shall be individuals who are not otherwise in the regular full-time employ of the United States.

"(b)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), each member of the Council shall hold office for a term of four years, except that any member appointed to fill a vacancy prior to the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of such term, and except that the terms of office of the members first taking office shall expire, as designated by the Secretary at the time of appointment, three at the end of the first year, three at the end of the second year, three at the end of the third year, and three at the end of the fourth year, after the date of appointment.

"(2) The member of the Council appointed as an intern in family medicine shall serve for one year.

"(3) A member of the Council shall not be eligible to serve continuously for more than two terms.

"(c) Members of the Council shall be appointed by the Secretary without regard to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments in the competitive service. Members of the Council, while attending meetings or conferences thereof or otherwise serving on business of the Council, shall be entitled to receive compensation at rates fixed by the Secretary, but not exceeding \$100 per day, including traveltime, and while so serving away from their homes or regular places of business they may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by section 5703 of title 5, United States Code, for persons in Government service, employed intermittently.

"(d) The Council shall advise and assist the Secretary in the preparation of regulations for, and as to policy matters arising with respect to, the administration of this part. The Council shall consider all applications for grants under this part and shall make recommendations to the Secretary

with respect to approval of applications for, and of the amount of, grants under this part.

"DEFINITIONS

"SEC. 768. For purposes of this part—

"(1) the term 'nonprofit' as applied to any hospital or school of medicine means a school of medicine or hospital which is owned and operated by one or more nonprofit corporations or associations, no part of the net earnings of which inures, or may lawfully inure, to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual;

"(2) the term 'family medicine' means those certain principles and techniques and that certain body of medical, scientific, administrative, and other knowledge and training, which especially equip and prepare a physician to engage in the practice of family medicine;

"(3) the term 'practice of family medicine' and the term 'practice', when used in connection with the term 'family medicine', mean the practice of medicine by a physician (licensed to practice medicine and surgery by the State in which he practices his profession) who specializes in providing to families (and members thereof) comprehensive, continuing, professional care and treatment of the type necessary or appropriate for their general health maintenance; and

"(4) the term 'construction' includes construction of new buildings, acquisition, expansion, remodeling, and alteration of existing buildings and initial equipment of any such buildings, including architects' fees, but excluding the cost of acquisition of lands or offsite improvements."

TITLE II—MALNUTRITION

SEC. 201. (a) The Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare shall conduct a study, in cooperation with schools training professional manpower, of the feasibility and desirability of establishing at such schools courses dealing with nutrition and problems related to malnutrition, and of establishing research programs and pilot projects in the field of nutrition and problems of malnutrition.

(b) The Secretary is authorized to make grants to health professional schools, in connection with the study provided for by subsection (a), for the planning of programs at such schools, and for the conduct of pilot projects at such schools, to assist such schools in the establishment of courses dealing with nutrition and problems related to malnutrition.

(c) The Secretary shall report to the President and to Congress by July 1, 1972, the results of such study, together with such recommendations as he deems advisable.

(d) There is authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 to carry out the purposes of this section.

And the House agree to the same.

That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House to the title of the bill and agree to the same with an amendment as follows: Amend the title so as to read: *An Act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the making of grants to medical schools and hospitals to assist them in establishing special departments and programs in the field of family practice, and otherwise to encourage*

and promote the training of medical and paramedical personnel in the field of family medicine and to provide for a study relating to causes and treatment of malnutrition. And the House agree to the same.

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STATEMENT OF THE MANAGERS ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

The managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two House on the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 3418) to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the making of grants to medical schools and hospitals to assist them in establishing special departments and programs in the field of family practice, and otherwise to encourage and promote the training of medical and paramedical personnel in the field of family medicine, and to alleviate the effects of malnutrition, and to provide for the establishment of a National Information and Resource Center for the Handicapped, submit the following statement in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon by the conferees and recommended in the accompanying conference report:

The House amendment struck out all after the enacting clause of the Senate bill and substituted a new text. The conference agreement is a substitute for both the text of the Senate bill and the House amendment.

Except for technical, clerical, clarifying, and conforming changes, the differences between the House amendment and the conference substitute are as follows:

The Senate bill provided specific authority for programs of continuing education in the field of family medicine, and the conference substitute is the same in this regard as the text of the Senate bill.

The Senate bill authorized a five-year program, at total authorizations of \$425,000,000, and the House amendment was limited to three years, at a total authorization of \$225,000,000. The conference substitute is the same in this regard as the House amendment.

The Senate bill authorized not to exceed \$10,000,000 for any fiscal year for planning and developmental grants for the purpose of assisting medical schools and hospitals to plan or develop programs or projects for the purposes of carrying out training in the field of family medicine. The House amendment limited the sums to \$5,000,000 a year, and did not specifically cover developmental grants.

The conference substitute authorizes \$8,000,000 for planning and developmental grants. The purpose of these grants is to assist medical schools and hospitals in actually getting programs and projects underway, and is intended to expedite the development of programs at schools and hospitals for the training of family physicians.

The Senate bill contained a provision authorizing grants and contracts to universities, medical schools, graduate schools, hospitals, laboratories, and other public or private institutions, and individuals for research into malnutrition. This provision also authorized the establishment of courses at medical schools, graduate schools, and nursing schools in malnutrition, and would have authorized fellowships and other financial assistance to students in this area.

The House amendment contained no comparable provision. The conference substitute authorizes the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare to conduct a study, in cooperation with health professional manpower schools of the feasibility and desirability of establishing courses at such schools in the fields of nutrition and problems relating to malnutrition. \$5,000,000 is authorized for such grants, and for planning of programs and pilot projects, with a report being required to the President and to the Congress before July 1, 1972, together with such recommendations as the Secretary deems advisable.

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